

REMARKS

Claims 4-5 and 10-11 have been canceled without prejudice. Claims 1, 3, 7 and 9 have been amended. Claim 12 has been added. Claims 1-3, 6-9 and 12 are currently pending. Entry of the amendments, and reexamination and allowance of the pending claims are respectfully requested.

First, Applicant has amended the specification, abstract and claims to refer to the light produced by the laser as a "laser light".

Second, the allowability of claims 5 and 11 is gratefully acknowledged. Thus, Applicant has amended independent claim 1 to include the limitations of claims 4 and 5, and amended independent claim 7 to include the limitations of claims 10 and 11. It is respectfully submitted that amended claims 1 and 7, and claims 2-3, 6 and 8-9 depending therefrom, are now in condition for allowance.

Claims 1-4 and 6-10 stand rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Applicant's Admitted Prior Art (APA) in view of Pub. No. US2003/0081637 to Short ("Short"). This rejection is respectfully traversed with respect to new claim 12.

New claim 12 is essentially original claim 7 amended to recite that the lens set includes a filter and a convex lens, that the laser light is emitted from the convex lens, and that the reflector is arranged between the filter and the convex lens.

In contrast, neither the APA nor Short teaches or suggests these limitations.


For example, Short does not teach the provision of any filters, and more importantly, Short does not teach or suggest specific positional recitations such as arranging the reflector between the filter and the convex lens.

In addition, the APA does not teach or suggest arranging the reflector between the filter and the convex lens.

Therefore, even if the Examiner were to argue that the provision of filters are well-known, there is still no teaching or suggestion in the APA and Short of arranging the reflector between the filter and the convex lens.

In light of the above reasons, all pending claims are submitted to be in condition for allowance. The Examiner is encouraged to telephone the undersigned if the Examiner has any proposed amendments or informalities that need to be resolved.

Respectfully Submitted,



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